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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TWO DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY SEEKING USG FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH TRAINING PROGRAMS. FIRST NOTE, DATED JUNE 28, 1975, ASKS USG TO HELP RECRUIT AND PAY FOR OVER 200 ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS, GEOPHYSICISTS AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL TO WORK FOR SONATRACH AND SUB-SIDIARIES. SECOND NOTE, DATED JULY 15, 1975, ASKS FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN THE SETTING UP OF AN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY (INELEC) IN TLEMCEN. PROJECTIONS CALL FOR INELEC TEACHING STAFF OF 12 PROFESSORS IN 1975-76; 30 IN 1976-77; 57 IN 1977-78 AND ON UP TO 199 IN 1984-85. CONCURRENTLY 191 ALGERIANS WILL BE SENT TO THE US FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES BEGINNING WITH 15 IN 1975, 1976 AND 1977; 21 IN 1978, 27 IN 1979 UP TO A TOTAL OF 191 BY 1982. PALN IS FOR RETURNING ALGERIANS TO REPLACE AMERICAN FACULTY.

2. ZAHIR FARES, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY IN RESPONSE OUR QUERIES ABOUT NOTES SAID ALGERIANS ENVISION TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREE-MENT WITH THE US, SIMILAR TO AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH WOULD SPELL OUT AREAS OF POSSIBLE MUTUAL COOPERATION. FARES APPROACH FOLLOWS THAT OF CHIEF
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CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY (ABDELGHANI KESRI) IN OUR

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MAY 6 CONVERSATION, BUT IS MORE SPECIFIC SINCE DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH PRECISE REQUESTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION. IN FARES' VIEW, AN AGREEMENT WOULD OPEN DOOR TO NEGOTIATIONS WHEREBY USG MIGHT PARTICIPATE WITH AMERICAN PRIVATE AND ALGERIAN NATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING CONTRACT AGREEMENTS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO USG INVOLVEMENT IN SETTING UP INELEC, FARES HAS IN MIND USAID PARTICIPATION ALONG LINES UNIVERSITIES ESTABLISHED IN OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. HECITED USAID SUPPORTED UNIVERSITIES IN BRAZIL AND INDIA. HE ENVISIONS USG WOULD PAY PERCENTAGE INELEC PROFESSORS' SALARIES IN MANNER ANALOGOUS ALGERIAN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH LATTER PAYS 70 PERCENT AND THE ALGERIANS 30 PERCENT OF PROFESSORS' SALARIES AT INSTITUTE ALGERIEN DU PETROL.

4. OUR STANDARD CULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL AGREEMENTS DO NOT MEET ALGERIAN REQUIREMENTS. THEY ARE STATEMENTS GOOD INTENTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO FACILITATE, BUT NO COMMITMENT OF FUNDS OR AID INVOLVED. WE THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO HAVE A CULTURAL AGREE-MENT BUT IT WOULD NOT HELP US MUCH WITH PRESENT REQUEST.

5. AS THINGS NOW STAND, DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN GIVE ALGERIANS ANYTHING BUT NEGATIVE RESPONSE. DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

6. FARES WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. WOULD THE DEPARTMENT BE WILLING TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES WITH HIM?

7. TEXTS DIPLOMATIC NOTES BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (WEISLOGEL).
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